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The first condition of efficiency in any government, is that the governing power should have a direct, constant and supreme interest in the general welfare of the people.—Edward Bellamy.

The supreme court of the United States has decided that insurance on the life of a person who suicides must be paid.

In all fairness to the state at large and to the great interests to be served, Eastern Oregon should have the next United States senator to balance the representation equally. Williamson should not be left alone to fight the battles of the arid counties.

The immense snow fall in the mountains will furnish an abundance of water with which to carry on irrigation experiments next year. Nature is doing her work now; the ditches should be made and the spring freshets stored for next season's crop.

There is a splendid opportunity at hand just now for Western Oregon to reciprocate for the many nice school appropriations she has received by the aid of the arid counties. One United States senator will even matters up. Will she give as she has received?

The factory inspectors of the United States are now in session at Charleston, and are having heated debates over the employment of children in the cotton factories. The Civic Federation might turn its attention to this evil. No graver issue confronts the Southern cities than that of prohibiting children from growing up to become burdens upon society.

Heppner cannot afford to grant a perpetual franchise to the coal and railroad company, through the city limits. A franchise is a mortgage on the future. It has been the custom to grant such inducements to capital, but the county is progressing beyond that practice. The present generation has no right to barter away the rights of the coming generation.

The threatened county seat fight from Malheur county, forcibly reminds the people of Oregon that this aggravating matter should be taken out of the legislature. City charters, and county seats should be discussed by the people interested, and the state should not be compelled to pay for valuable time lost in hauling local grievances over the coals of the legislative session.

The bill to be introduced by Senator-elect Pierce, changing the time at which taxes become delinquent, from the first of April to a date near the close of harvest, when money is plentiful, will meet with approval. Many tax-payers who allow the pen-

alty to accumulate on unpaid taxes do so because the period of delinquency begins in the season of the year at which it is almost impossible to raise money.

The railroad men who asked the last legislature to pass a law causing the railroad companies to block frogs and switches, have additional evidence to offer at this session. During the past two years, four innocent men have been dragged to death, through the neglect of the legislature, and President Roosevelt urges congress to compel the roads in the District of Columbia to block all frogs without delay.

A practical, thorough irrigationist must be chosen to head the county irrigation association. There is plenty for all to do, and the officers of the association must be able to direct the practical plans. While no one will be anxious to undertake the arduous task, somebody must do it, and from a business standpoint, it is necessary to have a man of practical experience at the head. The time draws near, so think quick and be ready to choose.

The bill to be presented by Representative Burleigh, of Union and Walla counties, abolishing the office of district attorney and creating a county attorney, will do much to simplify legal matters. The large districts included in the jurisdiction of the prosecuting attorney, at present, are the cause of much neglect that cannot be avoided. The tendency is to concentrate and simplify government, and this bill is along that line.

The tax-payer cannot reasonably object to the sewerage system, because whatever benefits the city, increases the value of property. While many object to bonding the city, it is the only means of securing the sewer system. It is along the line of progress to build sewers, and the ultimate good results will more than offset any objectionable feature of the means. To prepare the city for the tide of settlement that seems certain to come to this county, it is necessary to make some permanent improvements, and the residents cannot sit down in ease, even after the sewerage system is completed.

LITERATURE OF OREGON.

"Oregon Literature," by Professor J. B. Horner, of the Oregon Historical Society, is the only collation of literary gems and poetical recognition of Oregon writers yet published. While professor of English and American literature in the Oregon Agricultural college, the author's attention was called to the fact that some of the best things said and written in the far West compare favorably with many of the widely published utterances of Eastern writers. If, indeed, they do not excel them. There is a certain noticeable solidity and earnestness incident to the hardships of pioneer life in the West, while in the East a similar element has been gradually dissipated by the allurements of fiction—a condition recognized by the literary world and not overlooked in the present publication.

That Oregon has not come in for a

due share of literary recognition is probably due to the fact that on account of our remoteness from the East and lack of literary market in the West much of the best work has not been brought out, and some, like Miller and Markham, have wrought their best elsewhere. "Oregon Literature" is not only a permanent recognition of Oregon literary genius, but it is also a tangible expression of the abiding faith of the author in the rapid growth of our literary market.

Professor Horner thus reviews the several influences on Oregon literature:

Long ago the scholars of the East passed the lamp of learning from Rome to England, and from England westward to Boston, the front door of America. From Boston the lamp lighted the way of the pioneer across mountain chains, mighty rivers, and far-reaching plains, till the radiance of its beams skirted the golden shores of our majestic ocean. Then it was that the song of the poet and the wisdom of the sage for the first time blended in beautiful harmony with the songs of our valleys. These symphonies floated along on zephyrs richly laden with aromas fresh from field and flower and forest, and were wafted heavenward with the prayers of the pioneer to mingle forever in adoration to the God of the land and the sea. This was the origin and the beginning of Oregon literature.

A fearless people among savages, the Oregon pioneers surmounted every obstacle, for they had graduated from the hard training school of the plains, and had suffered severe discipline known only to the early settler. Hon. George H. Williams, attorney-general of President Grant's cabinet, said: "When the pioneers arrived here they found a land of marvelous beauty. They found extended prairies, with luxuriant verdure. They found grand and gloomy forests, majestic rivers, and mountains covered with snow; but they found no friends to greet them, no homes to go to, nothing but the genial heavens and the generous earth to give them consolation and hope. I cannot tell how they lived; nor how they supplied their numerous wants of family life. All these things are mysteries to everyone, excepting to those who can give their solution from actual experience."

But of this one thing be assured, under these trying circumstances, life with them grew to be real, earnest and simple. They were fearless, yet God-fearing; no book save the Bible, Walker's dictionary, Pilgrims Progress, and a few others of like sort—solid books, solid thoughts, solid men—three elements that enter into substantial literature.

J. B. Horner, A. M., Litt. D., author of "Oregon Literature," was born in Texas, August 4, 1856. He came to Walla Walla with his parents, May, 1862; received a common school education in the public schools of that city; and afterwards attended Whitman Seminary, Blue Mountain University, Philomath College, Willamette University and Harvard University. He was married to Miss Isabelle Skipton, of Benton County, in 1880. He taught successively in the public schools of Buena Vista, Union, Brownsville, Roseburg and Albany till 1891, when he was elected to the chair of English literature in the Oregon Agricultural College, in which capacity he served 10 years; afterwards he was transferred to the department of history and Latin in the same institution of learning.

Professor Horner has lectured considerably on the leading English authors, and was one of the first promoters of public school libraries in Oregon. He was a member of the Oregon state board of school examiners for 15 years, and editor of the Oregon School Journal for two years. He is the author of the "Comparative and Chronological Chart of English Literature," published by the Macmillans and used for reference by Oxford and many other leading English and American universities.

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